Raiyats have not been harassed. In the case of matadhipathis, their disciples look after supplies willingly. No action is called for on the part of Government.

Mr. Appajaiya.—The complaint is really against patels and shanbhogs; some of whom collect from raiyats without payment much more than is really wanted.

Messrs. Patel Sivappa, Lingegowda and others protested against the previous speaker's remarks.

Mr. Rasul Khan.—Officers should personally make payments to the parties furnishing the supplies.

Mr. Krishnachar.—Contractors are employed for making supplies in the case of large camps and no action is necessary.

Mr. Nanjunda Chetty.—The supplies required by Amildars, etc., are very small. It does not pay a contractor to travel with such officers and supply the necessary things. No action is necessary.

Messrs. Patel Linge Gowda and Hoskote Ramanna.—No action is necessary.

Mr. Krishnamurti.—A contractor may be employed in each taluk.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit.—There is not the same trouble now as there used to be the case formerly, and supplies are made by kotwals, etc., on payment.

Other members also spoke for and against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The sense of the meeting is that the contract system is impracticable and that there is no great hardship in the present system. Individual cases of extortion or oppression by subordinate officials will be suitably dealt with if brought to the notice of Government.

SUBJECT No. 223.

Increase of pay to Barr Subedars.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The pay given to Barr Subedars is very low. It is not sufficient to maintain the dignity of their office. A grade ranging from Rs. 70 to Rs. 150 may be fixed. The barracks for the sepoys, especially in the mofussil, should be better built and more accommodation provided.

Reply of Government.—Not a matter fit to be discussed in the Representative Assembly.

SUBJECT No. 224.

Telegraph offices in all Taluk Head-quarters.

All the members of the Hassan District.

Summary of discussion.—Combined Post and Telegraph offices may be opened at every Taluk Head-quarters. On representing the matter to the Postal Department, the members were called upon to advance money enough to cover the expenses of the department for ten years. Though in a few places the income that could be guaranteed is small, there are several places which can yield a good

income. Taking the Province as a whole, a fair income may be expected. Now that agriculture and commerce are growing and with a view to afford convenience to the public, arrangements may be made to open Telegraph offices at all Taluk Head-quarters. It would appear that under the rules of the Telegraph Department a combined office should be opened in all places with a population of 5,000 or over.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in consultation with the Postal and Telegraph authorities.

SUBJECT No. 225.

Feeding of disabled cattle.

Mr. Venkoba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In Hole-Narsipur and other taluks cattle are worked to such an extent as to disable them entirely. When they are disabled, the raiyats subject them to cruel treatment and deny the poor dumb animals a peaceful death. To remedy this the Government may set apart one kaval in each taluk out of the many in the possession of the Amrut Mahal and Forest Departments, and permit free grazing therein for such cattle. The Amrut Mahal and Forest authorities may be made to look after such cattle, indenting upon the services of the Veterinary Surgeon, if necessary.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 226.

Central Book Depot.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that arrangements may be made to have for sale in the Central Book Depot in Bangalore apparatus and other things necessary for purposes of experiments in High Schools and Colleges.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector-General of Education.

SUBJECT No. 227.

Minor appointments to Mussalmans.

Mr. C. Rasul Khan Sahib, Anjuman-i-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that Government will make such rules for the distribution of patronage in Government service as would tend to stimulate the Moslem community to go in for English education, in which it is specially lacking. Want of sufficient patronage even to such of them as have had some knowledge of English, has not only discouraged them but also created a sort of indifference in the whole Moslem community for English education. It is hence urged that immediate and due consideration may be given to applications for minor appointments of Rs. 10 and upwards from Moslem candidates who have either passed the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination or have sufficient knowledge of English to read and write it fairly well.

Reply of Government.—All possible encouragement will be given. The representation will be communicated to Heads of Departments.